



Generous – Lesson 3

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Bible Verse: Mark 12:41–44

SCHEDULE:

Center Time

around 10 minutes

Help the individuals transition by actively engaging them from the beginning. Try setting up centers to color, play with blocks and Play-Doh, or do puzzles.

Memory Verse

Use the Memory Verse page and images to go over the memory verse by placing them in the correct order on the board (personal or pocket chart).

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Big Group Time (optional)

Lesson

- Read through the lesson below. For a shortened version, just read the bolded words.
- Within the lesson, there are numbers that correspond to the story point pictures. For example, (1) corresponds to the first story point and picture, and so on.
- Allow individuals to place pictures on the board (personal or pocket chart) in sequential order.
- Key Point
- Use the review questions to check for understanding.

Video (optional)

Repeat Key Point & Memory Verse

Use the activities below for repetition of the story points, key points, and memory verse.

- Act out the Story.
- Bean Bag Toss: restate part of the story, memory verse, or key point when tossing.
- Hangman: play hangman using key points or parts of the story.

Activity/Coloring Sheet (optional)

Five Finger Gospel (optional)

LESSON:

This is a story from Mark 12:41-44 in the Bible (1). Jesus is at the temple in Jerusalem (2). The temple was a place where people would meet to worship God, just like this church building. In the temple, **Jesus sits down across from some special boxes that people put money in as an offering (3).** The people are freely giving their money to honor God for all he has given them. Jesus watches as person after person puts money into the boxes. **Many rich people come to the boxes. They put lots of money in (4) the boxes.**

Then a poor woman comes to the boxes (5). The woman's husband has died, and she does not have much money (6). Jesus watches her as she drops two small coins, worth only part of a penny, **into the boxes (7). Jesus** calls his disciples over to him and **says,** "I tell you the truth, **this poor widow has given more than all the others** who are making contributions. For **they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she,** poor as she is, **has given everything she had (8)** to live on."

You see, the poor woman does not have very much at all, but she gives God all that she has. **This woman believes that there is nothing better than giving all that she has to God (9).** She trusts that everything she has, God has given to her—even her two little coins. God is generous. Whether we have a little or a lot, God gives us everything we need.

Remember, God gives us everything we have, even life itself. He is Creator and Rescuer and he loves us so much. He wants to have a relationship with us forever.

Key Point: Everything belongs to God!

Review Questions

Group A	Group B
Where were people putting their money offerings? (Boxes)	Who is generous to us and gives us everything we have? (God!)
Who was sitting across from the boxes? (Jesus)	What did the rich people put into the box? (Lots of money.)
Did the rich people put lots of money in? (Yes)	What did the widow put inside the box? (Only two coins.)
How many coins did the poor woman give? (2)	Whose offering was greater? (The widow's.) Why? (Because she gave all she had.)
Who gave everything they had to the offering boxes? (Poor woman)	What are some things you have to offer to God?
Who only gave a tiny portion of their money? (Rich people)	